

# Holiday Spirit Hits Walterians

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The general WSCS in Walteria held its first meeting at the recently completed Methodist Church on Newton St. The ladies were honored by the presence of several guests for the evening. They were Mrs. W. E. Raines, president of the Long Beach District WSCS; and Mrs. Lorenz, both of San Pedro. Mrs. Roy L. Anderson of El Segundo, secretary of supply work for the WSCS in the Long Beach District, was speaker for the evening, and brought a very inspirational message to those assembled. Other guests included Mrs. Daisy Dalton, Mrs. Madge Kinzly, and Mrs. McAlroy, all of Redondo Beach. After the evening program and business meeting were finished, the ladies gathered around a beautifully decorated table done in fall fruits and cornucopias for refreshments of cider and cookies. The WSCS is rapidly completing preparations for their annual December bazaar which will be held at the Recreation Hall a week from Friday, Dec. 4. Those of you reading this column would enjoy a trip to the bazaar, I'm sure, where you will find many moderately priced objects which would be excellent for your Christmas gift list.

One of the holiday season's annual events has been a great success. It was the annual dance held by the Walteria Business Men's Club. Last Saturday night a big crowd gathered to enjoy the evening at the Recreation Hall dancing.

Enjoying a good time at the UCLA homecoming dance last Friday night was Gary Penn, of Dalemead St.

Mrs. E. F. Bridgeman of Albuquerque, N. M., has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hardesty of Cricklewood St. the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hacker of Neece Ave. have been spending a two-weeks vacation in Oklahoma.

Joining the long list of names of the sufferers of the current flu bug is Mrs. Frances Carrillo of Hawthorne Blvd.

Those of you in this community who are interested in our civic matters might like to know that the circulation of the Walteria Library hit an all-time peak on Thursday, Nov. 19, when 413 books were checked out in eight hours. Registration of new borrowers also hit a new peak since 21 new patrons signed the register that day.

For the many library patrons who inquired about her, Mrs. Arnie Crockett, the friendly, smiling assistant at the library for the past month is no longer working there, but is now employed at the Harbor General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gordon and daughters, Colleen and Maureen, enjoyed a wonderful trip last Sunday when they went to Redlands to visit Mrs. Gordon's brother, Mr. R. C. Aday and his family. The Gordons also went through Yucaipa and Glen Oaks to admire first the apples, and then the new-fallen snow.

Sorry to hear that little Mary Lou Beers of Newton St. had to undergo surgery this week for a piece of metal which she swallowed and had lodged in her lung. Get well soon, Mary Lou.

Another tragedy has struck one of our Walteria families, since Mrs. Jack Tinkle of Newton St. was called away suddenly on Tuesday, Nov. 17, to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Falkenstein, following an auto accident in which Margaret was involved.

Enjoying an educational trip last Wednesday morning were Mrs. Lucille Howey and Mrs. Georgia Cramer, when they went on a tour with representatives of the PTA local council. There were 25 ladies altogether who boarded the chartered Torrance bus and journeyed into Los Angeles to take a look-see at the Juvenile Hall and to become acquainted with the many problems presented there. After the tour of the hall the women went to Chinatown for lunch. A touch of comedy entered the trip when the bus wouldn't go into reverse gear, and all 25 women energetically got out of said vehicle and pushed it back out of the parking lot.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burgener, Neece Ave., were Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Burgener, their son and daughter-in-law, who are leaving this week to take up residence in Reno, Nev., where Harold will take up new duties with General Petroleum following an advancement given him. May we wish him all the luck in the world in his new position.

Visitors for the past two weeks at the J. B. Mosley home on Ward St. were Mr. Mosley's parents of El Paso, Tex. Also a Sunday visitor last week was Mrs. Mildred Baughman and family, who were enroute to their new home in San Diego.

**JERK SAVES WOMAN**  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—Patrolman H. W. Fording made a file attempt to break up a traffic jam at a railroad crossing here recently. When he saw nothing could be done before a southbound train roared through, he ordered Mrs. Hildegard F. Powell, 52, to jump from her car which was jammed on the tracks. Mrs. Powell was too terrified to move, so the patrolman opened the car door, grabbed Mrs. Powell and started running, just as the train hit the car and demolished it.

## President Gets 50 Millionth New Phone, Local Growth Noted

The installation of the nation's 50 millionth telephone on the desk of President Eisenhower last week in Washington, D.C., underlined the growth of telephone service throughout the nation and in Torrance, according to R. S. Pyle, Pacific Telephone manager here.

Pyle said it was 16 years after the founding of the company's exchange in Torrance before the first 1000 telephones were in service here.

"The number of phones here is past the 8400 mark now," Pyle said, "and there has been an increase of 5588 in the eight years since World War II." It is possible that some local resident received the 49,999,999th phone, Pyle pointed out.

"Because of the time differential, our installation forces were working here three hours after those in the east had finished work the previous day," Pyle said. "We connected some telephones just before 5 p.m. on Nov. 17, and the President's milestone instrument was installed the first thing the following morning."

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CHECKS PIN MAP . . . Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District, checks the pin map kept in the district offices here. Each pin represents a pupil on one level of school in Torrance and are brought up to date through the Christmas vacation each year. (Herald photo)

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# Heights Couples Attend Elks Ball

By SUE BURK  
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Boy, kids, did we ever have fun! Saturday night! What a lovely evening for all! Those from Zakon Rd. enjoying the Elks Charity Ball danced at the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Renz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burk. From Gardena were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barker, and from Manhattan Beach were George Hill and Helen Wingard. The five couples gathered at the Burk home before taking off for a bit of acting like kids again; you know, hamburgers and cokes after the dance and such. Some fun, huh? but what a sleepy Sunday morning. We're either not so young or

not so used to late hours as we used to be.

The Floyd Holstin family was off again to Hemet for a weekend. Chances are, Merle tells me, that they shall be moving there in the future. It seems that it is Mr. Holstin's job that is taking the family away from our community. We hope we hear wrong, as the Holstins have been a credit to the Heights.

Hobble In to Gobble Inn was the Thanksgiving theme for a bridge party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland White last week. The theme was real-ly carried out with a menu that read: "Cakes and Coffee; Ice Cream, no choice." Really there was lots of choice as several

different types of sundaes were served to guests, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. McCluney, Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Borelow, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Woods.

The monthly Scout Mothers Club meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nauman of Sharynne Lane this last Wednesday evening. The girls gave thoughts of the coming Christmas tree sale the Boy Scouts are planning. The trees will appear on the corner lot at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes about Dec. 11. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Mildred Muldoon, Madge Graham, Melva Gruver, Wood, Schmidt, G. A. I. Margarete Whyte, Almedia Middlebrook, Merle Holstin, Sue Burk, Eve Zervantian, and Bonnie Evans. On Dec. 5 the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts will walk for old clothing for the Christmas lift. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gruver, of 5411 Carol Dr.

Presently there will be another Mothers March on Polio. Any one that is willing to help on this drive to walk in the Heights call me. This will be sometime in the latter part of January or the first week in February of 1954. For the Ranchos, call either Peg Parke or Paul Drumwright.

Attending a birthday party this week was Myra Mitchell of Zakon Rd., who was one of those present for cake and ice cream in the home of Mrs. Whelan of 22054 Reynolds Dr., Sepulveda Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Freeland of Chandler, Ariz., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Evans, of 5107 Sharynne Lane. Although just visiting now, the Freelands hope to move into the community soon.

**PAKISTAN RETRENCHES**  
A British airline announced it has sold a round-the-world ticket costing about \$3850 to an American.

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